



DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
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that we have reviewed and understand the content of the specification, including the claims (Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue Docket No. 225133600014) filed May 23, 2001, under Application Serial No. 09/863,929; and we believe that we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed therein and for which a patent is sought on the invention or discovery entitled

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UNDERSTANDING METHOD AND SYSTEM**

and that we acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the examination of this application, in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

We hereby claim priority benefits under 35 USC § 119 on U.S. Serial No. 60/258,911 filed December 29, 2000.

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and appoint each of the following as our attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.



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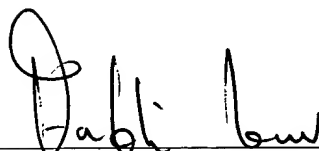


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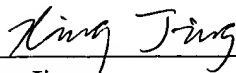


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